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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, YO, ET, US
SUBJECT: VISIT OF YUGOSLAV NAVAL TECHNICAL TEAM TO US

REF: STATE 164992

1. FSFA PRESSING HARD ON VISA ISSUANCE FOR TECHNICAL TEAM. I DO NOT BELIEVE FURTHER DELAY USING VISAS EXCUSE IS TENABLE APPROACH ANY LONGER, ESPECIALLY GIVEN MONDAY DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. I REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS TO:

--GO AHEAD WITH VISA ISSUANCE AND TRIP, OR

--TELL YUGOSLAVS DATES FOR VISIT NOT CONVENIENT BUT WE WILL GET BACK TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. ON BALANCE PREFER LATTER COURSE. IT DOES NOT EXPLICITLY LINK TORPEDOES TO TANKS, AND LEAVES OPEN OUR OPTIONS BUT WILL GET MESSAGE ACROSS. AND IT DOES NOT ABUSE VISA PROCESS. IF WE DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT, WE SHOULD WARN THEM THAT THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN WE WILL EVENTUALLY BE PREPARED TO SELL--UNLESS OF COURSE HIGH-LEVEL DECISION ALREADY TAKEN IN THAT REGARD.

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3. YUGOSLAV MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN NOTICEABLY POSITIVE LATELY ABOUT DEVELOPING MILITARY COOPERATION. AIR FORCE CHIEF CEMALOVIC'S CONVERSATION WITH DATT THIS WEEK (SEPTEL) ONLY MOST RECENT EXAMPLE. THIS APPARENT CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE SHOULD NOT LONG BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP UNCONSTRAINED BY REALITIES OF SITUATION FROM OUR PRESPECTIVE IF WE INTEND TO REACT SHARPLY TO TANK DIVERSION. NO MATTER WHAT

WE

DECIDE RE OUR REACTION TO THAT DIVERSION, THE WORST THING
FROM BOTH CONSULAR AND POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW AT THIS POINT WOULD
BE TO CONTINUE OUR STALLING ON VISAS.
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